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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR WAIVER FILED BY PR-USVI FUND COALITION REGARDING COMMITMENT LETTER AND LETTER OF CREDIT RULES FOR FIXED APPLICANTS OF THE UNIENDO A PUERTO RICO FUND AND THE CONNECT USVI FUND

WC Docket No. 18-143

Comment Date: April 29, 2020

Reply Comment Date: May 13, 2020

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a Emergency Request for Waiver¹ filed by the PR-USVI Fund Coalition requesting that the Commission waive sections 54.1505(d)(6), and 1508(b), (c) of its rules regarding the bank commitment letter and letter of credit requirements for applicants participating in the Stage 2 fixed competitive process of the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund and the Connect USVI Fund.

Filing Requirements. Interested parties may file comments on or before the date indicated on the first page of this document.² All filings must refer to **WC Docket Nos. 18-143**.³ Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁴

- Electronic Filers: The Commission encourages comments to be filed electronically using the Commission's online Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.

Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail.⁵ All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

¹ Emergency Request for Waiver of the PR-USVI Fund Coalition, WC Docket No. 18-143 (filed Apr. 7, 2020), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1040765496279/PR%20USVI%20LOC%20Waiver%20Request.pdf>.

² See 47 CFR §§ 1.2, 1.405, and 1.419.

³ All filings relating to this Public Notice should refer *only* to the dockets listed above.

⁴ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

⁵ In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FCC has closed its current hand-delivery filing location at FCC Headquarters. We encourage outside parties to take full advantage of the Commission's electronic filing system. Any party that is unable to meet the filing deadline due to the building closure may request a waiver of the comment or reply comment deadline, to the extent permitted by law. *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand Delivery Filing*, Public Notice, DA 20-304 (rel. Mar. 19, 2020).

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Ex Parte Rules. This proceeding shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.⁶ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

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Additional Information. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Dangkhwa Nguyen, Attorney Advisor, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at 202-418-7865 or dangkhwa.nguyen@fcc.gov.

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⁶ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*